



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“JACOB AND ESAU” GENESIS 27-28**

The promises for Abraham and Isaac also became the promises for Jacob. At Bethel, God showed that His plan was to continue the covenant through Jacob's family and eventually a whole nation, leading to the birth of Jesus— the promised Savior.

## Questions to Ask, Conversation Starters, and Helping to Apply The Truths to Our Kids' Lives

*Remember: this guide is meant to help facilitate conversations and engagement with Jesus throughout the week, so don't feel like you need to do this all in one day!*

### **BEFORE WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY**

- Continue conversations as a family regarding the lesson from last Sunday, where we learned that God's covenant with Abraham continued to the next generation. Esau sold his birthright, giving Jacob the right to the wonderful blessings God promised to his father Abraham. Through Jacob's family, God would send the promised Savior to bring blessing and salvation to the world.. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 27-28, pray and ask God to reveal himself to you and for wisdom in how to best shepherd and disciple your kids through this Scripture in the next week.

### **AFTER WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY**

#### **Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation**

- Talk to your kids about the Bible story that they learned at church. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the story, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up.
- Continue the conversation with your kids on Sunday and throughout the week. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
  1. Jacob deceives his father in order to receive the blessing meant for his older brother, Esau.
    - Lying is never condoned in Scripture. Why do you think this story is in the bible/in the big story of God's promises to His people? What does God working through Jacob's

deceit and sin tell us about God? How do we see God's ability to redeem brokenness at work in this story? How are we able to receive forgiveness for our transgressions?

2. God's promise to Abraham continued through Isaac, and is continuing through Jacob in this story. At Bethel, God showed Jacob that His plan was to continue the covenant through Jacob's family and eventually a whole nation, leading to the birth of Jesus.
  - How does God show His people that He is with them and watching over them?
  - How did Jacob knowing the promises of God change how he worshipped Him?
  - Does God always keep His promises? How can we know that for sure? What are some examples outside of this story that show us God's trustworthiness? How is Jesus the ultimate way God shows us this?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray for God to reveal the deceitful parts of our hearts, and praise Him for His mercy. Pray the promises of God together.
- Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.
- Take time to pray independently for your children, for God to do his mighty work in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Discipleship through modeling/action**

- Follow up throughout the week about the things you discussed
  - How have you seen God redeem this world through our mistakes? How did the promises of God change how we worshipped Him?
- Pursue discipleship in your own life. Read Scripture, pray fervently, invest into community, and more. Model the ways of Christ as an example to your kids.

## Our Memory Verse for This Unit

### **OUR MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT (ENTITLED "GOD FORMED A NEW NATION") IS GENESIS 28:15**

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
  - "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*

- “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go”

While we are helping the kids engage with this Scripture on Sundays through fun activities and time together, we really encourage you to take time to continue to engage with the memorization of this Scripture at home. As always, the hope is not to have our kids simply know a lot of Scripture, but to engage in God’s Word and allow Him to use it to transform the hearts of our kids!

## What’s Coming Up?

- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word “Kids” to 323.859.1122. It really helps in preparing for Sunday and the rest of the week!

## We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email [kids@realityla.com](mailto:kids@realityla.com) at any time with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. We also love to be praying with and alongside you, so please send those over as well.